IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): Luster pigments having pronounced sparkle ~~which are based on~~ consisting essentially of aluminum platelets ~~which have been~~ coated with iron oxide, wherein ~~and have in the precoated state~~ an average platelet size of the aluminum platelets in a precoated state is from 8 to 30 μm, an average platelet thickness of the aluminum platelets in the precoated state is from 300 to 600 nm and an aspect ratio of the aluminum platelets in the precoated state is from 15 to 70.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): Luster pigments according to claim 1 ~~that are based on aluminum platelets having an~~ wherein the aspect ratio of the aluminum platelets in the precoated state is from 25 to 55.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): Luster pigments according to claim 1 ~~that are based on aluminum platelets having an~~ wherein the average platelet size of the aluminum platelets in the precoated state is from 13 to 25 μm, ~~an~~ the average platelet thickness of the aluminum platelets in the precoated state is from 350 to 550 nm and ~~an~~ the aspect ratio of the aluminum platelets in the precoated state is from 25 to 55.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): Luster pigments according to claim 1 ~~that comprise~~ wherein ~~an iron oxide coating having~~ a geometric layer thickness of the iron oxide coating is from 18 to 25 nm.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): Luster pigments according to claim 1 ~~that comprise~~ wherein ~~an iron oxide coating having~~ a geometric layer thickness of the iron oxide coating is from 30 to 40 nm.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): Luster pigments according to claim 1 ~~that comprise~~ wherein ~~an iron oxide coating having~~ a geometric layer thickness of the iron oxide coating is from 110 to 140 nm.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): Stabilized Luster pigments comprising the luster pigments according to claim 1 ~~that further comprise, directly on the aluminum platelets and/or on the iron oxide layer,~~ and a corrosion-inhibiting coating ~~based on~~ of oxidic chromium, molybdenum, phosphorus, silicon, zirconium and/or aluminum compounds, wherein the corrosion inhibiting coating is directly on the aluminum platelets and/or on the iron oxide layer.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~The~~ A method ~~of using luster pigments according to claim 1~~ for coloration of coatings, paints, printing inks, plastics, ceramic compositions and glazes and decorative cosmetic preparations comprising adding the luster pigments according to Claim 1.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~The~~ A method ~~of using luster pigments according to claim 1~~ for coloration of one coat, two coat or multicoat metallics comprising applying one, two or multicoats comprising the luster pigments according to Claim 1.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The method for coloration of coatings, paints, printing inks, plastics, ceramic compositions and glazes and decorative cosmetic preparations ~~of using~~ according to claim 8, wherein the adding the luster pigments according to Claim 1 comprises adding the luster pigments ~~are employed~~ in combination with other pigments selected from the group consisting of effect pigments, fluorescent colorants, hiding and transparent chromatic, white and black pigments.

Claim 11 (New): The method for coloration of coatings, paints, printing inks, plastics, ceramic compositions and glazes and decorative cosmetic preparations comprising adding the stabilized luster pigments according to Claim 7.